



Chancellor's Report

Chancellor John Pugh

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Richard Dauenhauer receiving the University of Alaska Foundation's Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence at the Egan Library in June, 2013.

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Richard Dauenhauer: Scholar, Poet, Translator and Historian

The University of Alaska Southeast mourns the passing of retired faculty Richard "Dick" Dauenhauer. Dauenhauer passed on from inoperable pancreatic cancer the morning of August 19, 2014 at the age of 72. A Russian Orthodox service was held at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Juneau August 28 followed by burial at the Alaska Memorial Park. A celebration of his life and contributions to Alaska was held August 30 at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall.

As President's Professor and a former Alaska Poet Laureate, Dr. Dauenhauer was instrumental in developing the Alaska Native Language program and inspiring creative writing at UAS. He was the 2013 recipient of the University of Alaska Foundation's Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence, the largest single award made annually by the UA Foundation's Board of Trustees. Dauenhauer began teaching at the university in 1984. He was jointly appointed President's Professor of Alaska Native Languages and Culture at UAS and UAF in 2005. He retired from UAS in 2011.

During his tenure he designed and taught courses leading to the Tlingit language minor. He created several joint educational programs between the university and Alaska Native tribal organizations in an effort to preserve Alaska Native languages and cultures. Dauenhauer served as the state's poet laureate from 1981 to 1985, an honor his wife Nora holds through 2014. They are the first couple in Alaska

to have both been named state writer laureates. Dauenhauer was recognized twice with the Before Columbus Foundation's American Book Award for *Anóoshi Lingít Aaní Ká, Russians in Tlingit America: The Battles of Sitka, 1802 and 1804* and *Haa Tuwundágu Yis, for Healing our Spirit: Tlingit Oratory*.

In an obituary in the *Los Angeles Times*, writer Jill Leovy writes, "Dauenhauer made recording, transcribing and advocating for the Tlingit language his life's work. He trained a cadre of teachers and translators to continue his efforts. He sought not just to revive the fast-disappearing tongue, largely relegated to the thoughts of a few surviving tribal elders, but to win acceptance for its use."

Dauenhauer gave Tlingit oral history the status of literature, "the same as the highest forms of English literature," according to Alaska Native languages faculty and program head Lance Twitchell.

Brand New Residence Hall Opens for Fall Semester



Project Manager Nathan Leigh leads staff including Chancellor John Pugh assisting students on move-in day

The University of Alaska Southeast Juneau campus opened its first on-campus first residence hall on Fall Semester move-in day, August 27, 2014.

UAS Director of Campus Life Eric Scott told *Juneau Empire* reporter Katie Moritz that "he hopes excellent student experiences in the new residence hall lead to even more freshmen in coming years. The hall has 110 student beds and is not full for the semester. He said more students are supposed to move in for the spring semester.

Even without all the new beds full, this crop of freshmen wouldn't have fit in the old residence hall — Banfield Hall has only about 80 beds, freshman adviser Nathan Bodensadt said.

The new hall boasts huge picture windows with views of Auke Lake and the surrounding mountains. A common area, closed-off study spaces and a meeting room offer different environments within the building. The rooms are suite-style, with two sets of two roommates sharing a bathroom and a kitchen. The building was designed by MRV Architects.

The hall's first inhabitants come to the Auke Bay campus from across the country. Most are from Alaska but others hail from about 20 other states, including Missouri, Texas, Utah, Pennsylvania, Washington, Oregon and California.

Freshman Dallin Jones moved to Alaska sight-unseen for the biology program at UAS. His friend and roommate moved from Boise with him.

As for Alaska, freshmen flocked from all over the state to UAS this year. A group of six young men from Scammon Bay took a long, multi-leg flight from their Western Alaska community of 474 people to move in. With a graduating class of only 19, almost a third of the town's seniors are attending UAS and living in the residence hall.

UAS recruiters came to Scammon Bay and 'talked to us and convinced us to come,' Norman Charlie said."



Keni Campbell

New Chancellor's Special Assistant

Keni Campbell began working as the Special Assistant to UAS Chancellor John Pugh in July 2014. Ms. Campbell was hired as Alumni Relations Manager in 2006, eventually adding the fundraising duties of Annual Fund Manager. Prior to coming to UAS, she worked for the Alaska Council of School Administrators and the Juneau School District. She has a Bachelor

of Elementary Education from Alaska Pacific University, and has earned the designation of Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). Ms. Campbell has lived in Juneau since 1995 with her husband and two grown children. She is a member of Rotary International, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.



Chris Washko

New Director of Sitka Student Success Center

Chris Washko was previously Director of Residence Life and Wellness Education at UAS on the Juneau campus and shouldered a wide variety of administrative responsibilities in the UAA system, including Director of Student Services and VP of Academic Affairs at Prince William Sound Community College. "I got

interested in Student Affairs while I was still a student. I loved being involved, and so I stayed at my college in Alma Michigan as a hall director. But I wanted to move to Alaska, so I took a job in Galena working with students in that remote location," he said.

Chris has a BS and a BA from Alma College, a Master's in Student Affairs and Higher Ed Administration from Indiana State, and is currently finishing his Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Studies and Counseling from UAF. He is excited to be in Sitka and to work with the excellent Student Success Center staff.

He loves hiking, teaching travel courses, and reading to his young son.



L-R: ODS climbers Chelsea Bomba, Forest Wagner and Ariel Svetlik-McCarthy

Outdoor Studies Central Brooks Range Climb

Outdoor Studies program head Forest Wagner and student climbers Chelsea Bomba and Ariel Svetlik-McCarthy climbed the West Ridge of Shot Tower in the Arrigetch Region of the Central Brooks Range August 9-10, 2014. The climb took place over a period of 24 hours and consisted of 12 pitches over 1,300 feet. To approach Shot Tower, the group flew from Coldfoot, Alaska 100 miles west to the Alatna River, then backpacked with 90-pound packs into the Arrigetch peaks. The full course took place from July 31 to August 17, 2014. The expedition was the focus of the Expedition Rock Climbing class, offered as an upper division elective for students in the BLA program's Outdoor and Adventure Studies emphasis.

Convocation 2014



Chancellor John Pugh addresses staff and faculty at Fall Semester Convocation, August 14, 2014. Photo Credit: Joel Mundy